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Applicant: Masahiro ARAI et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
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BY VARIABLE VALVE TIMING

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Art Unit: 3748

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 30, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this response a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of their patent application for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1 through 10 are pending in the application.

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**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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[ X ] month:	\$420.00	\$420.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:	\$420.00
	TOTAL FEE:	\$420.00

[ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$00.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[ X ] A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed.

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 30, 2003

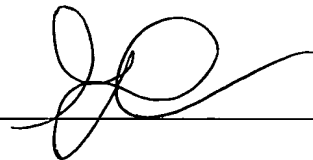
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